

ANNEX 1: LEVEL OF REVIEW CONFIRMATION FORM



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PROJECT/ACTIVITY DATA

Project/Activity Name:	International Fund for Public Interest Media
Geographic Location(s) (Country/Region):	USA
Amendment (Yes/No), if Yes indicate # (1, 2...):	
Implementation Start/End Dates (FY or M/D/Y):	12/9/2021 - 6/8/2024
If Amended, specify New End Date:	
Solicitation/Contract/Award Number(s):	TBD
Implementing Partner(s):	Rockefeller Philanthropy Associates
Bureau Tracking ID:	DDI-22-16
Tracking ID of Related RCE/IEE (if any):	DRG Center and ID Hub PIEE 2021-2026 https://ecd.usaid.gov/document.php?doc_id=53707
Tracking ID of Other, Related Analyses:	N/A

ORGANIZATIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Implementing Operating Unit(s): (e.g., Mission or Bureau or Office)	USAID/DDI/DRG
Other Affected Operating Unit(s):	
Lead BEO Bureau:	DDI
Funding Operating Unit(s): (e.g., Mission or Bureau or Office)	USAID/DDI

Funding Account(s) (if available):	FY 2017 ESF-OCO reserve for Pakistan
Original Funding Amount:	\$20,000,000
If Amended, specify funding amount:	
If Amended, specify new funding total:	
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Date Prepared:	11/24/2021

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REVIEW DATA

Analysis Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for Categorical Exclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Deferral <input type="checkbox"/> IEE Covered under Programmatic-IEE Analysis
Environmental Determination(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exclusion(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred (per 22 CFR 216.3(a)(7)(iv))
RCE Expiration Date (if applicable):	
Additional Analyses/Reporting Required:	
Climate Risks Identified (#):	Low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate ___#___ High ___#___
Climate Risks Addressed (#):	Low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate ___#___ High ___#___

THRESHOLD DETERMINATION AND SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

PROJECT/ACTIVITY SUMMARY

The IFPIM program will meet the following objectives:

Objective 1: Support media with a focus on countries where democratic backsliding exists and on relatively stable democracies in low- and middle-income countries where independent media are in financial crisis. Support will entail grants, technical assistance, and research and evaluation.

Objective 2: Provide core operational support to vital public interest media with a focus on countries experiencing democratic backsliding and on relatively stable democracies in low- and middle-income countries where independent media are in financial crisis.

Objective 3: Support the development of new business models that enable media entities to survive during a period in which traditional business models for media have been disrupted by new market forces, changes in consumer preferences migrating

online, and the absorption of ad revenue by tech platforms, as well as authoritarian governments denying media access to the market. Harness innovative business and service models to drive sustainable growth. Support will entail grants, technical assistance, and research and evaluation.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATIONS

Upon approval of this document, the determinations become affirmed, per Agency regulations (22 CFR 216).

The IFPIM program is not listed under Annex 2: DRG and ID Hub Activity List. However, the activities funded under the IFPIM program include technical assistance and capacity building and research and evaluation. Core activities that IFPIM will fund align with DRG's support for civil society and media, under the Strengthening Civil Society Globally (SCS Global) Leader with Associates (DRG/ID Hub PEE, p.53).

TABLE 1: ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATIONS

Projects/Activities	Description	Categorical Exclusion Citation (if applicable)	Deferral ¹
Project/Activity 1: International Fund for Public Interest Media	Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Research and Evaluation	§216.2(c)(2)(i) Education, technical assistance, or training programs; §216.2(c)(2)(iii) Analyses, studies, academic or research workshops and meetings; §216.2(c)(2)(v) Document and information transfers; and §216.2(c)(2)(xiv) Studies, projects or programs intended to develop the capability of recipient countries to engage in development planning	<input type="checkbox"/>

BEO SPECIFIED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

All projects and activities fall entirely under one or more of the eligible Categorical Exclusions per 22 CFR 216.2(c). This analysis also documents the results of the activity-level CRM process in accordance with the USAID policy (specifically, ADS 201 mandatory reference 201ma).

If any details of the proposed activities change during the contract period of the DRG/ID Programmatic-IEE, then an additional Level of Review Confirmation Form is required for BEO

¹ Deferrals must be cleared through an Amendment to this RCE prior to implementation of any deferred activities.

approval to verify the project interventions fall under a class of actions recommended for Categorical Exclusion.

USAID APPROVAL OF INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION

PROJECT/ACTIVITY NAME: ____International Fund for Public Interest Media__

Bureau Tracking ID: DDI-22-16



Clearance:

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Concurrence:



12/1/2021

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